

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted supplementary to the previous Amendment and in connection with the personal conference with the Examiner held in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The Examiner's highly beneficial cooperation during the conference has been gratefully acknowledged.

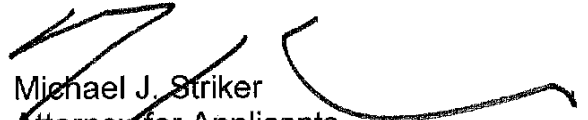
Claims 1 and 13, the broadest independent claims have been amended substantially as suggested by the Examiner. At the same time, it is respectfully requested that if the Examiner finds it necessary to make further changes in Claims 1 and 13, his additional suggestions would be gratefully appreciated and he is asked to make a telephone call and to discuss such additional suggestions, to clarify the present invention and to place the application in allowable condition.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance,

then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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